

SOCIAL ITEMS.

Mrs. F. W. Leak was hostess to her Bridge Club at a most enjoyable meeting last week. Her house, always attractive, was unusually pretty on this occasion with greens and cut flowers. An hour or more was spent with the cards, the game then being called and the hostess serving delicious chicken salad sandwiches with hot tea, followed by pretty bowls of snow-cream. This was a treat to all, as it has been many years since the genial climate of this section would permit of such a delicacy. Beside the regular club members Mrs. Leak had as her guests: Mesdames T. L. McRae, F. W. Bynum, J. L. Everett, J. P. Leak, J. M. Ledbetter, E. G. Scott, W. S. Thomas, and Misses Rosa and Jennie Parsons.

Mrs. J. M. Ledbetter entertained in a most attractive and novel way on Monday night when she invited a number of her friends to spend an informal evening with her and make Scrap Books for the Soldier Boys' Xmas boxes. The guests were invited into the large library where a big fire was burning and where a jolly and lively evening was spent. Each girl made one album and closed it with a wish that "some cute Sammy get my book." Mrs. Ledbetter served delicious sandwiches and hot chocolate which were greatly relished by all. Those enjoying this delightful affair were: Mrs. E. G. Scott, Miss Laura Page Steele, Miss Ernestine Nuttal, Miss Rosa Parsons, Miss Jennie Parsons, and Miss Kathryn McDonald.

The Junior Study Club had a most interesting and instructive meeting on Monday afternoon with Miss Beth Thomas. The hostess met the guests at the door gave them a hearty and cordial greeting, inviting them into the spacious living room where big pine logs burned in an old time open fire-place, making a cozy reception for those coming in out of the cold and snow. The meeting was called to order strictly on time, this being one of the fixed rules of the Club. "America" was the study for the afternoon. Each member responded to roll call with the name and date of settlement of one of the American colonies. Miss Mildred Stephenson read an interesting paper on "The New England Colony." Miss Beth Thomas reading a poem, "The Coming of the Pilgrims," carrying out the general thoughts of Miss Stephenson's subject. "Old Dutch Times in New York" was an interesting subject cleverly treated by Miss Sarah Lilly Dockery. "Tea parties in Old Times" by Irving, was read by Miss Bernice Turner. This was followed by a piano solo, a selection from Greig, by Miss Ernestine Nuttal. At the completion of the program for the afternoon the club held a business session, at which Miss Susie Russell was elected President and Miss Rosa Parsons Vice President, the other offices remaining the same.

Letter to Santa Claus.

Rockingham, N. C.,
Dec. 12, 1917.

My dear old Santa Claus:-
I will write to you and tell you what to bring me. I want you to bring me a pair of gloves, a yard of hair ribbon, and a little story book, and all sorts of fruits. I am in the fifth grade. I study spelling, arithmetic, geography reading, English and hygiene.
I like to go to school and study my books. I am ten years old. I guess you are nearly frozen up there in the mountains but I hope you are not. Guess you are making all sorts of toys. Be sure to come to see me Christmas, and bring me some nice things.
Well, old Santa Claus, I will have to close for this time.
I hope you will not freeze.
Your loving little friend,
Sallie Pearl Kelly.

Miss Mattie Sinclair has accepted a position at McColl, S. C. with the McColl Cotton Mills.

Christmas Presents Still Acceptable!

[Contributed.]

No one doubts that this is one year in which to "cut out" all useless and superfluous gifts, but there are some cases in which everybody may exercise their generosity to the fullest extent. One may give a check to the Wool Fund of the Red Cross, another box of wool is now due; the town is full of swift, willing knitters, but there is no money to pay for the wool. The sewing room needs a bolt of grey outing flannel and another of grey striped outing for pajamas and hospital shirts. You may not be able to give a bolt of material, but every penny given will soon amount to the dollars to pay for it. The sewing room is now in the ladies' parlor of the Club but the atmosphere is as cold as begrudged charity; perhaps you have an oil heater of no use to you—give it to the sewing room. In the name of our cold soldier boys the Red Cross asks for Christmas presents of money, material and warmth for the workers. Some one says "but I gave the Red Cross a dollar last June;" we know you did, but you ate a good dinner last week and are hungry again. As long as our men suffer so long will the Red Cross need your help. Giving to it is no more charity than buying shoes for your own bare-footed child. So in your Christmas giving please remember the soldiers doing sentry duty these bitter nights, or shivering in dark trenches, and give to the Red Cross.

McDonald-Watson.

[Contributed.]

At the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Watson, on Friday afternoon at 6:30, was solemnized the marriage of their daughter, Minnie, to Mr. Lee McDonald. Rev. W. J. Watson, of Council, N. C., brother of the bride, officiated, he having returned with his father from Conference for the wedding.

The room was simply but beautifully decorated with evergreen and pines and lighted up with candles.

The bride wore a handsome dress of blue satin with a gold lace picture hat, and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Watson and is a native of Virginia, having moved here three years ago. In this short time she has made many friends by her kind and winning ways.

The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McDonald, and is very successfully connected with the Star Theatre and numbers his friends by his acquaintances.

The young couple will make their home in Rockingham and we extend to them our very best wishes for a life of usefulness and happiness.

After a trial lasting 22 days, Gaston Bullock Means was Sunday acquitted by a Cabarrus county jury at Concord, of the charge of murdering Mrs. Maude King, a wealthy Chicago woman, on August 29th. The trial attracted nation-wide attention.

Major Leo Heartt, clerk of the U. S. Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina and treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Masons, died last Thursday night at his home at Raleigh, aged 67.

Mrs. W. E. Moore and Miss Maude Moore spent from Saturday to Monday night at Pittsboro.



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"Buick Six" For Sale.

I will leave Rockingham January 4th for Leon Springs, Texas, to enter the officers' training camp, and therefore will be obliged to sell my Buick Six. This car is GUARANTEED to be in perfect condition. It has been run but 1500 miles, has never had a puncture, and the buyer will get a genuine bargain in it. It is 1918 Model, E. 45. See or write Minor T. Hinson, Rockingham.

House for Rent.

The "Alice L. Townsend" six-room cottage for rent; all modern conveniences. For further information, see Miss Willie C. Covington, or W. Steele Lowdermilk.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRA
ATTRACTION AT
HAMLET OPERA HOUSE

For 2 Nights, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21st and 22nd.

"THE BEAUTY SHOP"

On account of Railroad connections, the manager of "The Beauty Shop" found they would have to cancel engagement at Chester, S. C., in order to play their two day engagement booked at the Auditorium, Charlotte, N. C., Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24th and 25th. The manager of the Hamlet Opera House, knowing of the tremendous success this big attraction has met with in the larger cities, persuaded them to play a two day engagement, instead of one as originally booked, filling Chester's date at Hamlet. The management of the Hamlet Opera House feels complimented in securing this big city attraction for two days, and hopes the theatre goers of Hamlet, and surrounding towns, will show their appreciation by giving "The Beauty Shop" a capacity business at both performances.

Seats now on sale at Langston's Prices: \$1.65, \$1.10, 55c, 28c (Including Tax) Seating Capacity 1000. Curtains Rise 8:30.

Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Administrator C. T. A. of the estate of Sallie Deaver Meshaw, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before him on or before the 15th day of December, 1918 or this notice will be plead in bar to their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 14th day of December, 1917.

OZMER L. HENRY,
Administrator C. T. A. of estate of Sallie Deaver Meshaw, deceased.

Money Lost.

Lost, last week, in Rockingham, a purse containing about \$21. Finder will be rewarded by returning to John Covington, colored, care of Mr. W. P. McRae, Rockingham.

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The snow has paralyzed our business for a few days. We have more stock on hand for men, women and children than we care to have.

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\$12.50 Men's Suits	\$ 7.50

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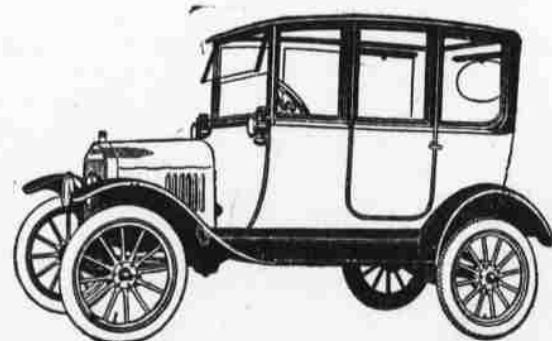
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